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French High Commission.—

WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 29th 1917.

Sir Robert Falconer,
Toronto University,
Toronto, Canada.

Sir,

I was called to Washington about a month ago in order to give information regarding the relations between French and American Universities.

A few days later, I was asked to take up some other work, viz: the making out of a daily report on the foreign policy of the U.S. and the opinion of this country on the war. I accepted this offer which I understood was temporary and expected to leave for Toronto at the end of this month. I wasinformed, however, as I was about to leave, that the French Government insisted on my continuing this work. This places me in a very awkward position, but you will understand it is difficult for me,in time of war, not to accede to this request. Had I been informed sooner, I would naturally have let you know, but as I mentioned above, I was only told at the last moment.

I am writing to Professor Cameron and if you wish it, I shall only be too pleased to cable to Paris to secure a substitute.

Again regretting this, but trusting that you will understand my position in the matter, I am, Sir,

Yours respectfully,

Marcel Morand

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October 2nd, 1917

M. M. Moraud,

French High Commission,

Washington, D.C.

Dear M. Moraud:

I regret very much to hear from you as to the situation which has intervened without your knowledge so that you find it difficult to come to us. We are extremely sorry and do not wish to let you go unless there is absolute necessity for our doing so, as we were looking forward to having you with us permanently in Toronto.

I have written to His Excellency, M. Jusserand to ask him whether there is any chance of your being relieved of your duty in Washington by his securing a substitute. After I hear from him I will write you again.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 12th 1917.

To
Sir Robert Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Sir,

Last Friday I wired to you saying that I would come to Toronto very soon, not thinking that I would still be in Washington this week. It looked for a while as if it would be possible to arrange for a substitute, but it now appears that we are altogether unable to find anyone capable of undertaking this work.

This being the case, I have been asked to stay on here for the present, but cannot definitely say for how long.

I regret exceedingly that I am unable to take up my work in Toronto, but if later on, or after the war, you should still require my services, I would be very glad indeed to come to Toronto University, which made an exceptionally good impression on me during my last visit,

Trusting that you will understand my present position,

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

M. Morand

November 6th, 1917

Mr. M. Moraud,

High Commissioner for France to the United States,

2005 Columbia Road, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Moraud:

We are all very much disappointed that you are unable to come to Toronto for the present winter, and of course your absence means that the work of the French Department cannot be done with anything like satisfaction that we had been hoping for. However Professor Cameron and his staff have apportioned your work between them because they were of opinion that at this time it would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to secure any one who would be able to perform it with any reasonable success. We do not wish to appoint any one in your place if there is any likelihood of your being able to come to us next winter. Do you think that you could give us any assurance in this matter? Would the High Commissioner not be able to supply your place in Washington if the war shall conti as there seems every likelihood of its continuing for another year? As I said we do not wish to give up the hope of having you on our staff. Perhaps you would be good enough to write me your opinion in this matter as soon as possible.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Nov 24th 1917

Dear Sir Robert Falconer,

I must apologize for not answering sooner your letter of Nov. 5th. I had to wait more than I had expected, owing to the absence of the Haut Commissaire, before giving you a definite answer.
I have now full assurance that I shall be able to come to Toronto for next winter.
I have received some other offers among which one from Cornell where I shall be teaching again next summer session. We could come straight from Ithaca to Toronto where we would like to settle down before the opening of the classes. I have been told that

when the war is over it might be difficult to obtain, every year, a prolongation of the leave of absence I had obtained before the war, unless I hold a contract, which would allow me to remain abroad indefinitely.

I quite understand that the first appointment was only for a year, but if it could be arranged, I would naturally prefer an appointment more than temporary.

Moreover I shall soon have quite a large family and we would like to settle down, the war having kept us wandering for the last three years.

Thanking you for your kind letter and consideration.

I am

yours very truly.

Marcel Morand

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December 5th, 1917

Mr. Marcel Moraud,

French High Commission,

2001 Columbia Road, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Moraud:

I am very glad indeed to get your letter giving us the pleasing assurance that you will be able to come to Toronto for next winter. In view of the fact that you might find it difficult to obtain a prolonged leave of absence after the war is over unless you sold contract I shall be very glad to ask the Governors to promise you an appointment as Lecturer for three years at the salary of $1800, $1900 and $2000. I am also strongly of the opinion that you will find after that period was over that we could offer you an attractive positionon the staff which if you find the conditions here satisfactory and we find that you are able to undertake the kind of work that we wish to have done would be permanent and agreeable to yourself.

If the above suggestion meets with your consent I shall be glad to ask the Governors to make the appointment for three years at the first meeting of the New Year. Any other suggestions that you may have with regard to the matter I shall be only too happy to consider. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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December 18th 1917.

Sir. Robert Falconer
President of the University of Toronto.

My dear Sir Robert Falconer,

I thank you for your letter of December 5th. I am very pleased that you have decided to ask the Governors for a three years contract in my favor.

You have been so kind in keeping the post open for me that it makes it very difficult to broach the question of salary. In fact I feel that I owe you a year at any salary you may wish to propose and I shall be very glad to come.

But since accepting your offer in June, several posts have been mentioned to me, some of which appear good and give promise of rapid promotion.

Were it not for the war I would already be Assistant professor, and I am afraid it would be difficult for me to remain a Lecturer for more than a year. On the other hand, having asked you for a contract, I would not like at the end of a year, to unsettle your plans, and could not consider any outside offer.

I am,

Yours very truly,

M. Morand

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January 11th, 1918

Mr. Marcel Moraud,

French High Commission,

2005 Columbia Road, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Moraud:

I am glad to know that you are willing to come to us next winter and yesterday at the meeting of the Board I received authorisation to offer you the position of lecturer for next winter. That does not mean that we shall not wish to retain your services afterwards; on the contrary, I hope that before you would make any engagement with any other institution you would let us know, because from what I have heard of your work I cherish the hope and strong expectation that we should wish to keep you in the University of Toronto after next year if it is at all possible for us to do so. As you are aware I would have asked for a contract for three years but I did not wish to bind you to any one position. I hope to be able to secure $1800 for you for next year. I hope that the offer as I now state it will meet your wishes.

Will you allow me at the same time to congratulate Mrs. Moraud and yourself on the birth of your little baby who I hope is keeping well and will be a great comfort to you in the future. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Jan 15th 1918

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Sir Robert Falconer
The University of Toronto

Dear Sir Robert Falconer,

I have just received your very kind letter of January 11th and wish to express my sincere thanks for the manner in which you have arranged the matter in regard to my appointment for next year.
I shall therefore be glad to come on the conditions that you state in your letter.
I also hope that I shall be able to remain more than one year in Toronto and shall do my best not to disappoint you.

I thank you very much for your good wishes for the baby and Mrs. Morand who are both doing well.

I am
yours sincerely.
M. Morand